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Re: U.S. Utility Continuation Patent Application
 Application No. 09/848,353; Filed: May 4, 2001
 For: **Modulating the Permeability of a Physiological Barrier with an Agent
 that Modulates Tyrosine Phosphorylation**
 Inventors: Staddon *et al.*
 Our Ref: 0623.0410001/LBB/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(1);
3. Reply to Restriction Requirement and Requirement for Election of Species;
4. PTO-2038 Credit Card Form in the amount of \$420.00 to cover the 2-month extension of time;
5. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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